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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

DAVID PERSI,
Plaintiff(s),

v.

MGM GRAND HOTEL, LLC,
Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:22-cv-02087-JCM-NJK

Order

[Docket No. 9]

Pending before the Court is a stipulation to extend the deadline for Defendant to respond to the complaint by 29 days. Docket No. 9.

A request to extend deadlines must be supported by a showing of good cause. *See, e.g.,* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1).

Defendant has already had two months to prepare a response to the complaint. *See* Docket No. 6. The instant request is predicated almost entirely on the fact that counsel has been busy attending to other matters, Docket No. 9 at 2, but an attorney taking on an unmanageable caseload is assuredly not good cause for an extension, *e.g., Williams v. James River Grp. Inc.*, ___ F. Supp. 3d ___, 2022 WL 4181415, at *4 (D. Nev. Sept. 13, 2022).¹ As a one-time courtesy, the Court will allow an extension of seven days.

Accordingly, the stipulation is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part.² The deadline to respond to the complaint is **EXTENDED** to February 23, 2023. The Court is not inclined to grant

¹ The existence of settlement discussions is also a routine aspect of federal litigation, *see, e.g.,* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(2), and does not generally constitute good cause for an extension, *e.g., Williams*, 2022 WL 4181415, at *5.

² The stipulation references an extension to the briefing schedule for a forthcoming motion to dismiss, Docket No. 9 at 2, a request that is not properly before the Court, *see* Local Rule IC 2-2(b) (separate requests must be filed separately). The Court does not express any opinion herein as to that briefing schedule.

1 further extension requests. *Cf.* Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(2) (a scheduling order should generally be
2 issued within 90 days of service or 60 days from a defendant's appearance).

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 Dated: February 17, 2023

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Nancy J. Koppe
United States Magistrate Judge
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